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UNDER 23 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 23 West Division Runners up 2018, 2019

UNDER 18 TEAM

Southern Combination Under 18 Championship Winners 2002, 2018 Runners up 2014 Southern Combination Under 18 Central Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018 Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019 Southern Combination Under 18 Cup Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018 Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015 Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup Winners 2002

VETERANS TEAM

Fred Pretty Veterans Cup Winners 1995, 1996, 2002, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016 Runners up 2017

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Good evening and welcome to the Beacon for tonight's Sussex Senior Cup first round tie against Crawley Down Gatwick...

This evening's game brings to a close a pretty hectic schedule of four home matches in 11 days, so we should start really by thanking you for your fantastic support over the past week-anda-half.

Tonight also happens to be the hardest of those games as we host a free-scoring, high-flying Anvils outfit with plenty of familiar faces in their squad.

We hope that everyone connected with Down and our match officials enjoy their stay in Mid Sussex this evening and that tonight lives up to the entertainment factor that normally accompanies games between these two sides.

Saturday saw us put in a disappointing performance after several weeks of improvement, going down 2-1 against Horsham YMCA.

Positives were a little thin on the ground, with just about the only moments of note being a 199th appearance for James Westlake and Phil Gault scoring his first Hassocks goal for the best part of four years.

Westy will therefore play his 200th game this evening and everyone at the club would like to congratulate him for achieving that milestone.

As for Gaulty, it was fantastic to see him putting the ball in the back of the net in Hassocks colours once again.

With players swapping clubs so frequently in the modern-day Southern Combination League, it seems unlikely that anyone will ever get close to his senior scoring record.

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Away from the first team, the Under 23s maintained their unbeaten start to the season with an excellent 3-0 win over Alfold on Thursday night.

Spencer Slaughter continued his goal scoring streak since re-joining from Loxwood with a brace and Lucas Tyrrell was the other man on target, claiming his first goal for club after joining from Peacehaven & Telscombe.

The win keeps us level on points with Broadbridge Heath at the top of the table ahead of an intriguing meeting with the Bears at High Wood Hill Sports Ground on Thursday night.

Kick off is 7:45pm and any

support that you can offer would be greatly appreciated in what is the Under 23s' biggest game for some time.

There was not so much good news for the Under 18s who suffered their first league defeat of the season on Sunday when going down 4-2 against Montpelier Villa.

The Young Robins make the short trip to Upper Beeding this weekend, kick off at 11am at Upper Beeding Recreation Ground.

Next to take to the field at the Beacon are the Ladies who host Saltdean United this Sunday at 2pm. Entrance is free if you are looking for a football fix in Mid Sussex with the first team travelling to Loxwood this Saturday.

We are next back here in Premier Division action on Saturday 30th October against Pagham, kick off at 3pm. What better way to spend Halloween weekend?

Enjoy today's game,

Owen & Scott





Crawley Down Gatwick

Founded 1993 Nickname Anvils Ground The Haven Website crawleydowngatwickfc.co.uk Twitter @OfficialCDGFC Manager James Day Top Scorer Phil Johnson, 18

HONOURS

Southern Combination League Winners 2011 SCFL Division One Runners up 2016 SCFL Division Two Runners up 1996 Peter Bentley League Cup Runners up 2010 Sussex RUR Charity Cup Winners 2011 Runners up 2017 Sussex Senior Cup Runners up 2012 Mid Sussex League Winners 1995 To say the Sussex Senior Cup draw could have been kinder to Hassocks would be a slight understatement free-scoring Crawley Down Gatwick arrive at the Beacon with a strike force we know only too well...

Former Robins Phil Johnson and Charlie Pitcher have plundered 30 goals between them already this season and given our quite spectacular record when it comes to ex-players scoring against us, they will both be confident of adding to that total tonight.

The links between the clubs do not stop there, either. Also signed on at the Haven this season are Harvey Blake, Will Broomfield and Harvey Enticknap, all of whom can expect a warm welcome if they feature this evening for their efforts for us over the past couple of seasons.

Such familiarity between the sides adds another layer of intrigue to a fixture which is never short of entertainment - in fact, it has a wellearned reputation for being one of the most exciting games on the Southern Combination League circuit.

82 goals have been plundered in 20 previous meetings in senior football between Down and ourselves at an average of four a game, including 25 in the past five meetings.

Amongst the more ridiculous

score lines of the past six years are 5 -3 and 6-4 wins for Hassocks whilst two Supplementary Shield matches last April yielded 10 goals.

In terms of the overall head-tohead, Hassocks lead it with 10 victories to seven for Down.

That comes as something as a surprise as since the Anvils first joined us in the top flight of the Southern Combination in 2009, they finished above us in all but one season.

It looks as if that will be the case in 2021-22 too. Seven wins and two draws from 13 matches currently has them in seventh spot.

They sit second in the scoring charts with only leaders Littlehampton Town having eclipsed the Anvils' total of 38 Premier Division goals.

Being able to outscore virtually any team in the division is a serious advantage to have and it could yet push Down into the promotion race over the coming months.

As for the Senior Cup, they could go well in a competition that they reached the final of a decade ago when an Isthmian League outfit.

10 Key Moments

1993... Crawley Down United and two other local sides merge to form Crawley Down Village
1995... win promotion to the Southern Combination League after lifting the Mid Sussex League title
1996... runners up in Division Two at the first attempt taking the Anvils into senior football for the first time
1999... they drop 'Village' from their name & finish 3rd in Division 1 but can't go up due to ground grading
2007... permission is finally granted to develop The Haven with floodlights, hard standing and seats
2009... reach the fourth round of the FA Vase and finish 3rd to win promotion to the Premier Division
2011... it's a double as the RUR Cup and Southern Combination title are lifted and promotion secured
2014... after a three season stay in the Isthmian

League, Down are relegated **2016...** back-to-back relegations see them slip back into Division One for one season before promotion **2017...** reached the RUR Cup final where they lost to

Newhaven , , ,

Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Southern Combination Premier 9th 2017-18, Southern Combination Premier 12th 2016-17, Southern Combination Premier 11th 2015-16, Southern Combination One 2nd 2014-15, Southern Combination Premier 19th 2013-14, Isthmian South 23rd 2012-13, Isthmian South 13th 2011-12, Isthmian South 16th 2010-11, Southern Combination Premier 1st 2009-10, Southern Combination Premier 8th 2008-09, Southern Combination One 3rd 2007-08, Southern Combination One 6th 2006-07, Southern Combination One 16th 2005-06, Southern Combination One 5th 2004-05, Southern Combination One 10th 2003-04, Southern Combination One 11th 2002-03, Southern Combination One 15th 2001-02, Southern Combination One 11th 2000-01, Southern Combination One 16th 1999-00, Southern Combination One 4th

Hassocks v Crawley Down Gatwick :: Head-to-Head

SCFL Premier Division... Played 13 - Won 5 - Drawn 2 - Lost 6 - Scored 27 - Conceded 28
RUR Charity Cup... Played 4 - Won 3 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 7 - Conceded 4
Peter Bentley League Cup... Played 1 - Won 1 - Drawn 0 - Lost 0 - Scored 3 - Conceded 2
SCFL Supplementary Shield... Played 2 - Won 1 - Drawn 1 - Lost 0 - Scored 6 - Conceded 4

Total... Played 20 Won 10 Drawn 3 Lost 7 Scored 43 Conceded 38

Previous 10 Meetings

2020-21 SCFL Supp Shield: Crawley Down 2-4 Hassocks 2020-21 SCFL Supp Shield: Crawley Down 2-2 Hassocks 2019-20 SCFL Premier: Crawley Down 3-2 Hassocks 2018-19 SCFL Premier: Crawley Down 2-5 Hassocks 2018-19 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-2 Crawley Down 2018-19 RUR Charity Cup: Hassocks 3-2 Crawley Down 2017-18 SCFL Premier: Crawley Down 1-3 Hassocks 2017-18 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 1-3 Crawley Down 2016-17 SCFL Premier: Hassocks 3-2 Crawley Down 2016-17 RUR Charity Cup: Crawley Down 3-0 Hassocks



Robins counter crushes Down for more Supplementary Shield points

Tuesday 20th April 2021 will be remembered as one of the craziest days in football history. The **European Super League fell** apart at the seams, **Premier League players** challenged their billionaire paymasters and executives of the biggest clubs in the continent paid for their failed coup with their jobs.

There was no less drama at the Haven, where Crawley Down Gatwick and Hassocks put on a show that highlighted everything great about non-league football.

Two sets of players slugging it out, never giving up and doing it all for a love of the game rather than £3.5 billion in the bank. The only shame was there was nobody there to see it.

It finished Crawley Down 2-4 Hassocks, the Robins picking up another big three points to remain second in Group C of the Southern **Combination League Premier Division** Supplementary Cup, just behind Lingfield who became the latest side to inflict defeat on pre-tournament favourites Horley Town.

Hassocks go to Lingfield next for a game which suddenly looks pivotal in deciding who tops the table and qualifies for the semi finals.

An honest assessment of the Robins' victory over Down would be that they were lucky to come away with a win.

The hosts dominated for large periods, pegging Hassocks' 2-0 half time lead back to 2-2 with 20 minutes remaining.

At that point, it seemed like the momentum would carry Down to victory but the Robins rallied, finding a way to score twice on the counter in the final three minutes.

Such a high-scoring match is not unusual between these sides. Their

21 previous meetings average nearly four goals per game.

Hassocks' most recent victory in these parts was a case in point; a 5-2 down the right and his cross was success from March 2019.

Such has been the pace of change at the Beacon over the past two years that only two of the Robins' starting XI from that day were present at the Haven on this occasion, Bradley Tighe and Harvey Enticknap.

Enticknap had to settle for a spot on the bench as Hassocks made three changes from the side who had lost against Lingfield at the weekend.

"Two sets of players slugging it out, never giving up and doing it all for a love of the game rather than £3.5 billion in the bank. The only shame was there was nobody there to see it."

His place was taken by the returning Alfie Loversidge, who gave an outstanding performance at the heart of everything the Robins did in the first half from his central midfield berth.

Loversidge's fellow youth teamer Jack Gardner came in for Bradley Bant and there was a change in goal where Charlie Pugh took over from Dave Carruthers, giving Pugh his first start of the Supplementary Shield.

Hassocks' shock 3-1 win over Horley a week ago was built on a fast start and they were at it again here.

Only six minutes had elapsed when some neat triangles down the right flank between James Littlejohn and Pat Harding opened up a gap to slide in Loversidge.

The teenager made no mistake, beating Down goalkeeper Tony Jenner to make it 1-0.

Loversidge turned provider next, playing a big part in the goal which

doubled the Robins' advantage eight minutes before half time.

Josh Short released Loversidge glanced home by Jack Troak ghosting in from the left flank.

It was against the run of play, but nobody in Hassocks colours was complaining.

Midway through the second half and Hassocks' 2-0 lead collapsed almost as quickly as the European Super League.

Tiago Andrade was left with a simple finish on 68 minutes after a superb run and cross from Lewis Croal and 60 seconds later, Michael Belli levelled things up.

Down were very much in the ascendency and they poured forward looking for a winner.

That left plenty of space for Hassocks to exploit on the break, something this young Robins side are extremely adept at.

The hosts discovered that to their cost as they were picked off as the game strayed into injury time.

A quick 89th minute break gave Charlie Pitcher the opportunity to run at the Down defence and he duly powered past a home player before beating Jenner to make it 3-2.

The Anvils now had little choice but to become even more attacking, opening the game up even more.

Troak was the man to take advantage, beating former Hassocks right back Harvey Blake before chipping to the back post where Harding arrived to slam home his third goal in four Supplementary Shield appearances, securing the win.

Hassocks: Pugh; Gardner, Tighe, Turner, Tuck; Littlejohn, Short, Loversidge, Troak; Pitcher, Harding.

Subs: Enticknap (used), Bull, Marshall, Bradley, Sweetman (unused).

CLASSIC MATCH April 29th 2017

Robins strike late to sign off with win in five goal thriller

Given the form they have been in in the second half of the season, it is hardly a surprise that Hassocks did not want the 2016-17 campaign to end guite yet.

They bought the curtain down on it by bagging another three points, this time via a 3-2 win over Crawley Down Gatwick to make it nine wins from 16 games since New Years Day.

This was billed as Former Robins Day as a clutch of players from years gone by gathered to celebrate the finale of the club's 25th season at the Beacon.

And in an ironic twist it wasn't just off the pitch that familiar faces from seasons past could be found.

Hassocks took advantage of Burgess Hill Town's season being completed a week previously to call upon the services of the dual signed Pat Harding who made only his second appearance for the Robins since leaving the club in 2006 for Eastbourne Borough.

Harding is the third top scorer in Hassocks history but he was unable to add goal number 132 to his tally.

He did have the ball in the net in the first half only for it to be ruled out for offside.

Instead, the scoring duties went to Michael Death, Liam Benson and Jack Rowe-Hurst.

At the contrasting end of the age and experience spectrum to Harding, Hassocks gave a debut to yet another Under 18s player in the shape of 17-year-old left back Ben O'Leary.

He was named man-of-the-match afterwards, suggesting that the Robins may have yet another exciting prospect on their hands.

This was ultimately an agricultural yet entertaining game. Both teams seemed content to go long with the boot of Jordan Badger proving to be a particularly potent weapon for Hassocks in getting it forward as

things ebbed and flowed from one end to the other.

It was a huge punt over the top that gave Down their opener inside of 12 minutes, the Hassocks defence getting into a right state which Gianfranco Mici took full advantage of to beat James Broadbent for 1-0.

Just before the half hour mark and Hassocks were level. The Robins most improved player this season has easily been Lewis Westlake and that was recognised by the fact that, in the absence of both Ashley Marsh and Phil Gault, he was handed the captain's armband here.

Westlake seemed to thrive with the added responsibility and it was he who delivered an excellent free kick from which Death produced an even better deft flick for the equaliser.

If Down's first goal was one of simplicity then their second justified the entrance fee, a quite superb passing move eventually being rounded off by Mici for his second of the afternoon.

That came five minutes before the break but anyone heading to the bar early did so at their peril as the first half action was far from over.

Straight from the restart Down goalkeeper Martin Hopkins was forced into a block from Death.

From the resulting corner Hassocks went short and Harding finished a well worked routine with a header that beat Hopkins but not the linesman's flag.

There was still time for the equaliser to arrive before the teams retreated for their team talks.

Rowe-Hurst was the architect, skipping past Bradley White and sliding the ball across goal where Benson and Harding were forming an orderly queue. It was the former who slotted home.

The eventual winner didn't arrive until five minutes before the end but there were a plethora of chances for both sides before that. Rowe-Hurst, Badger and James Westlake all forced Hopkins into good saves.

At the other end, Broadbent had to be alert to deny Mici his hat-trick.

James Westlake became the second Robin to be denied by the offside flag and Harding headed just over from a cross from substitute Charlie Pitcher.

Pitcher's afternoon came to an end just five minutes after he came on through injury.

It seemed only a matter of time before Tom Barnes' afternoon joined him in the treatment room with some sort of lung injury as he continually rampaged up the field from right back, throwing in step overs left, right and centre.

It was all too much for Death who, to great amusement all round, told him to stop trying to play like Bebeto.

Barnes may not be Bebeto, but the goal that decided the tie was one that a Brazilian would've been proud to claim as Rowe-Hurst rushed through late on to produce the most delicate of chips over the advancing Hopkins, finishing the game and Hassocks' season with style.

Hassocks: Broadbent; Barnes, Hawkes, Badger, O'Leary; J Westlake, L Westlake, Rowe-Hurst; Benson, Death, Harding.

Subs: C Pitcher (Benson), Wilkins (C Pitcher), Russell (L Westlake), Price, B John (unused).

Starman: Ben O'Leary



Hassocks in the Senior Cup

Hassocks first entered the Sussex Senior Cup in the 1981/82 season. Since then, it's a been a competition that has delivered some big wins, some great memories and plenty of "what might have been" moments...

The furthest that the Robins have gone in the competition is the quarter finals, a stage that we reached in three seasons out of four in the middle of the 00's.

Two of those adventures were ended by clubs from higher divisions in memorable encounters at the Beacon; the other was arguably a great opportunity missed, although nobody felt like that at the time.

Our first appearance in the last eight came in the 2005-06 season against a Horsham side who were enjoying a golden period of their own.

Horsham had pretty much the same squad that would go onto reach the second round of the FA Cup two years later where they

would take League One side Swansea everybody wants from the City to a replay.

On this occasion though it was them who were nearly victims of a giant killing as despite the two divisions difference between Robins and Hornets, the visitors required extra time to see off plucky Hassocks.

Mickey Turner and Richard Thomas scored for us but Horsham had just about enough quality to win 3-2 in extra time.

The Hornets would go onto make the final that year, going down 3-1 to Lewes at Priory Lane five months later.

The following season and we again made the guarter finals, this time receiving the plum draw that

competition - Brighton and Hove Albion at home.

The Seagulls bought an experienced line up to a Beacon that was packed out by over 300 intrigued spectators and none of them could deny that the men in red were harshly done by in going down 2-0.

The most controversial moment came in the first half when Brighton captain Richard Carpenter slapped Mark Sherriff in the face right in front of the referee.

Incredibly, the official described it as "a friendly slap" and therefore deemed it worthy of only a yellow card, infuriating home connections.

Hassocks might have fancied their chances against 10 men but with 11,

the Albion's professionals had the fitness edge and that was enough to see them squeak through thanks to goals from Nathan Elder and Doug Loft.

Hassocks most recent run to the quarter finals came two seasons after that clash with the Albion with Shoreham the visitors to the Beacon in the 2008-09 campaign.

The Robins were in the midst of a desperate battle against relegation at the time, and so Dave John wasn't backwards in coming forwards by saying that the only reason he was glad to be in the last eight was because it was another fixture which meant Jack Simpson and Spencer Slaughter could get one-match bans out the way without impacting on his side's survival bid!

Looking back though, this was a real opportunity to reach the final four against a fellow Southern Combination League side which Hassocks were unable to take, going down 1-0 at the Beacon.

That bought to an end one of the more interesting runs in the competition for the club.

It should have come to an end against Conference South outfit Bognor Regis Town in the second round stage but the Rocks played an ineligible player in their 5-2 extra time win and so we were put through.

Chichester City came to the Beacon in round three and a goalkeeping crisis meant that Chi's 58 -year-old manager Adie Girdler had to play himself in goal.

Girdler was only beaten by an own goal as lucky Hassocks progressed 1-0 to set up their quarter final tie with the Musselmen.

The third round has been the exit point of the competition for us on seven occasions and always to clubs from outside of the Southern Combination League.

It was at that stage where we suffered our heaviest Senior Cup defeat, being beaten 8-1 by Brighton in the 2001-02 season when then-Albion boss Peter Taylor decided to send a near-full strength side to the Beacon.

In the 1996-97 campaign we went out to St Leonards Stamco with a 4-1 home defeat, Bognor Regis were 4-2 winners in Mid Sussex in 2000-01 and Pat Harding returned to the Beacon

in 2007-08 with Eastbourne Borough, scoring past brother Joel in a comfortable 5-0 win for a side who would go onto win promotion to the Conference Premier at the end of that season.

There was another meeting with Horsham in 2010-11 with the Hornets winning 4-2, Eastbourne Borough again accounted for us two year's later by winning 2-0 at Priory Lane and our most recent adventure to the third round stage came in the 2016-17 season when Southern Counties East League outfit Crowborough Athletic won 1-0 at the Beacon.

Given Hassocks' long-established reputation as a side who frequently fall to opponents from lower divisions in cup games, the Robins have a surprisingly good record when it comes to avoiding upsets in the Senior Cup.

Just twice in 34 years in the competition have they fallen to a side below them in the footballing pyramid.

The first of those was a 3-2 home defeat to Seaford Town at the second round stage in the 2004-05 campaign and the most recent, last year's 3-0 defeat at Midhurst & Easebourne when we paid the price for naming a second-string side at the Rotherfield.

Our biggest Sussex Senior Cup win came in the 2002-03 season when Shinewater Association were hammered 6-1 in the first round stage, while there has been a 5-0 victory over Newhaven in 1982-83 and 5-1 wins over Steyning Town in a 2010-11 first round replay - the original tie had ended a 1-1 at the Shooting Field - and away at Storrington in 2012-13.

Our ridiculous 6-4 victory over Arundel in 2019 set a record for the Robins' highest scoring game in the competition and nobody who was at Mill Road that night is ever likely to forget that extraordinary evening.

Hassocks were eliminated by Lancing in round two that season, the Lancers very much enjoying themselves whenever they are paired with us.

In the 2011-12 season, they inflicted a 6-1 defeat on Mickey Jewell's Robins, which remains our heaviest defeat in the competition to a Southern Combination League Club.

"5-1, even Marshy scored"

Hassocks' 5-1 win at Storrington in November 2012 was memorable not just for the ease with which Mickey Jewell's team swatted aside the Swans, but also for the identity of one of the scorers.

While James Westlake, Anthony Hibbert and Dan Smith were all regulars when it came to finding the back of the net, the name of Ashley Marsh wasn't exactly one that you associated with goal-scoring feats.

In fact, since his debut eight years and over 300 games previously, Marsh had only managed to find the back of the net on one other occasion and that had come in his debut season in 2004.



The Hassocks captain owed his first goal for nearly a decade to a friendly linesman who ruled that the ball had crossed the line despite the best efforts of a Swans' defender to hack it clear.

That sparked wild scenes of jubilation mixed with disbelief with half an hour played at Storrington Rec.

Marsh's goal was the second of the evening and proved to be pivotal, coming as it did at the end of a period of Storrington pressure and providing a platform for Hassocks to go onto win the game from.

There was not quite such a long wait for his next strike as Marsh goals proved to be like London Buses– you wait eight years for one to come along, and then two do at once.

Fast forward three months and he was at it again, scoring against Chichester in a 3-2 league victory.

Still, they proved to be very much collector's items - by the time Marsh retired four years later, he'd managed just one more goal to take his career tally to four in 525 games for the club.







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Below par Robins have no fun in defeat against the YMCA

Southern Combination League Premier Division Saturday 16th October 2021, The Beacon Hassocks 1-2 Horsham YMCA

Proof if it were needed that Hassocks briefly into life. this young Hassocks side still have much to learn came at the Beacon as a below-par showing resulted in a 2-1 defeat against fellow strugglers Horsham YMCA.

YM arrived in Mid Sussex just two places and three points better off than the Robins, who themselves had put in their best and most consistent run of performances over the past few weeks - even if results have not necessarily matched.

That was not the case here though. Hassocks took an hour to register their first meaningful shot on target and without several excellent stops from Charlie Pugh, YM would have been out of sight long before they did eventually hit their 80th minute winner.

For Pugh, this was a similar story to the one he wrote on Tuesday night against Eastbourne United.

Pugh was outstanding then in ensuring that United only scored three times, although Hassocks did at least direct far more questions of their own towards the United defence than they managed against YM.

The Robins made one change from the side who had gone down 3-0 against United, Charlie Tuck returning at the expense of Jack Gardner who dropped down to the bench.

Pugh set the stall out for his afternoon when producing a fine full stretch tip over from former Dorking Wanderers goal machine Tom Tolfrey after only two minutes.

YM took the lead with their next opportunity which arrived three minutes later. A long throw into the box was not properly dealt with, leaving the experienced Mark Pritchard-Cave in acres of space to fire home.

Going 1-0 behind did stir

Joe Bull led a trademark counter attack by scampering down the left flank and his low centre into the box was inches away from being turned home by strike partner Alfie Loversidge.

Chances in the box may have been at a premium for the Robins, but Bull and Loversidge were at least starting to cause problems outside the area.

One such instance earned Hassocks a free kick in a dangerous position on the edge of the YM box.

James Westlake stepped up and although his effort beat the wall, it lacked the power to trouble Aaron Jeal who plucked the ball easily from the air.

Gault did not disappoint from the spot, scoring first goal for the Robins since a 2-1 Sussex Senior Cup win over Mile Oak in October 2017 and his 186th overall. The chase for 200 is on."

Another set piece opportunity came Hassocks' way, this time from 30 yards out. Bradley Bant was charged with this one but his effort was clipped over the bar.

YM reasserted themselves following those opportunities. Dan Evans rattled a post with a great effort before Hassocks became their own worst enemies in the final 15 minutes of the first half.

Overplaying at the back led to a glorious chance for YM until the Robins just about recovered to scramble the ball away for a corner.

A bad header then gave Tolfrey another sight of goal. On this occasion, Pugh did well to stand Tolfrey up and the chance was missed.

Whatever Hassocks were trying



was clearly not working and so 10 minutes into the second half, Brad Sweetman removed Connor Bradley for the evergreen Phil Gault.

Gault's scheming against one of his former clubs brought some improvement and within five minutes, Jeal was forced into his first real piece of work when tipping a Bull effort over.

120 seconds after that and Loversidge was hacked down, giving Hassocks yet another free kick. Gault decided he fancied a go at this one but his low effort shanked into the wall and spooned up into the YM box, causing far more chaos and confusion than it should have done.

The Robins were at least earning plenty of fouls. Eventually, one of those took place in the area when fine work from Bull led to him being felled and referee Robert King pointing to the penalty spot.

Having seen Josh Short miss from 12 yards in the midweek defeat to Eastbourne United, responsibility this time fell on the shoulders of Gault.

Needless to say, the veteran did not disappoint, beating Jeal easily. It was his first goal for the Robins since a 2-1 Sussex Senior Cup win over Mile Oak in October 2017 and his 186th overall. The chase for 200 is on.

Hassocks were the slightly better side in the final 25 minutes without ever managing to trouble Jeal. It was against the run of play when YM found the decider as the game entered the final 10 minutes, Tolfrey getting the goal his performance probably did deserve via a deflected shot which beat the despairing Pugh.

Hassocks: Pugh; Tuck, Marshall, B Tighe, Whittingham; Westlake, Bradley, Short, Bant; Loversidge, Bull.

Subs: Gault, Tyrell (used), Gardner, Rawlingson, Wallis (unused).

First Team Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August			0.0	
03/08 - 19:45	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	La constituire
10/08 - 19:45	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP	1-2	Loversidge
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Short
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP	2-2	Loversidge, Badger
21/08 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP	1-5	Beebee Bradley, Milittingham
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP	2-3	Bradley, Whittingham
28/08 - 15:00 30/08 - 11:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP	2-0 1-1	Mitchell-Phillips (2)
September	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
04/09 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP	0-5	
07/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	PBLC2	1-5	Mitchell-Phillips
11/09 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP	0-3	Pintenen-Filmips
18/09 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (A)	SCFLP	2-4	Gardner, Badger
25/09 - 15:00	Beckenham Town (H)	FAVQ2	1-2	Bull
October	Deekenhan rown (rr)	TAVQZ	12	Duit
02/10 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP	1-1	Loversidge
09/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP	4-1	Bull, Loversidge (3)
12/10 - 19:45	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP	0-3	
16/10 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP	1-2	Gault
19/10 - 19:45	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
23/10 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP		
30/10 - 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP		
November	3			
06/11 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP		
13/11 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP		
20/11 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP		
27/11 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
December				
04/12 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP		
11/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/12 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP		
27/12 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
January				
03/01 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
13/01 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP		
22/01 - 15:00		SCFLP		
29/01 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP		
February	AFC \/avadaaniana (A)			
12/02 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP		
19/02 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
26/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
March 12/03 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
12/03 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
26/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
April				
09/04 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (H)	SCFLP		
16/04 - 15:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/04 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
23/04 - 15:00	Alfold (A)	SCFLP		
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First Team Appearances 2021-22

		2021-22		Hassocks Career		
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Alfie Loversidge	17	0	17	7	35	9
Josh Short	16	0	16	1	28	1
Andy Whittingham	15	0	15	0	113	2
Jack Gardner	14	0	14	1	37	1
Luke Marshall	13	1	14	0	30	0
Joe Bull	12	2	14	2	75	6
Arthur Rawlingson	9	4	13	0	13	0
Bradley Tighe	11	0	11	0	114	0
Connor Bradley	10	1	11	1	20	1
George Mitchell-Phillips	7	2	9	3	9	3
Jack Baden	4	4	8	0	12	0
Jude Wallis	2	6	8	0	8	0
Charlie Tuck	7	0	7	0	13	0
Lewis Beebee	5	1	6	1	9	1
Bradley Bant	5	0	5	0	154	12
Alex Harris	5	0	5	0	65	0
Christian Kiddell	5	0	5	0	5	0
Charlie Pugh	5	0	5	0	29	0
Max Blencowe	3	1	4	0	4	0
Wes Tighe	3	1	4	0	4	0
Jordan Badger	2	2	4	2	114	9
Dan Turner	3	0	3	0	38	3
Ben Hicks	2	1	3	0	4	0
James Westlake	2	1	3	0	199	30
Kobe Dersley	1	2	3	0	4	0
Sam Geard	1	2	3	0	3	0
Kieran Dimelow	2	0	2	0	5	0
Lexx Lucas	2	0	2	0	2	0
Tristan Hayes	1	1	2	0	2	0
Jay Hudson	1	1	2	0	2	0
Phil Gault	0	2	2	1	340	186
Lucas Tyrrell	0	2	2	0	2	0
Jacob Campbell	1	0	1	0	1	0
Louis Duckering	1	0	1	0	1	0
Harvey Parker	1	0	1	0	1	0
Josh Hawkes	0	1	1	0	73	11
Tom Jupp	0	1	1	0	3	0
Arni Kublickas	0	1	1	0	67	1
Louis Pittock	0	1	1	0	9	0
Archie Russell	0 0	1	1	0	1	0
Spencer Slaughter	•	1	1	0	291	47
Louis Thwaites	0 0	1	1	0	1 54	0
Jack Troak	U	1	1	0	54	13

Under 23 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
19/08 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFL23	4-1	Hudson (4)
26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23	1-1	Russell
September				
01/09 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Hudson, OG
09/09 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL23	2-0	Bradley (2)
16/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23	1-0	McSwiney
October				
07/10 - 19:45	Saltdean United (H)	CU23C1	3-2	Short (2), Slaughter
14/10 - 19:45	Alfold (H)	SCFL23	3-0	Slaughter (2), Tyrrell
21/10 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFL23		
28/10 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (A)	SCFL23		

Under 23 Appearances 2021-22

		2021-22	Season	
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Ben Hicks	7	0	7	0
Sean McSwiney	6	1	7	1
Wes Tighe	4	3	7	0
Jack Baden	6	0	6	0
Harvey Ransome	5	1	6	0
Archie Russell	3	3	6	1
Louis Thwaites	1	5	6	0
Jude Wallis	5	0	5	0
Jay Hudson	4	1	5	5
Jordan Badger	3	1	4	0
George Mercer	2	2	4	0
Arthur Rawlingson	2	2	4	0
Lewis Beebee	2	1	3	0
Kobe Dersley	2	1	3	0
Zac Kladdis	2	1	3	0
Jacob Killkelly	0	3	3	0
Connor Bradley	2	0	2	2
Luke Marshall	2	0	2	0
Charlie Pugh	2	0	2	0
Spencer Slaughter	2	0	2	3
Brad Sweetman	1	1	2	0
Louis Duckering	1	0	1	0
Jacob Campbell	1	0	1	0
Kieran Dimelow	1	0	1	0
Jayden Dunkley	1	0	1	0
Josh Hawkes	1	0	1	0
Tom Jupp	1	0	1	0
Lexx Lucas	1	0	1	0
Josh Novis	1	0	1	0
Harvey Parker	2	0	2	0
Josh Short	1	0	1	2
Charlie Tuck	1	0	1	0
Lucas Tyrrell	1	0	1	1
James Westlake	0	1	1	0
Max Blencowe	0	1	1	0

Under 18 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
August				
29/08 - 11:00	Shoreham (A)	SCFL18	1-0	Geard
September				
05/09 - 11:00	Haywards Heath Town (H)	SCFL18	5-0	Parker-Williams (2), Geard, Beck (2)
12/09 - 11:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL18	2-1	Parker-Williams, Beck
19/09 - 11:00	Burgess Hill Town (H)	SCFL18	5-5	Parker-Williams, Russell, Beck, Chowdhury, Geard
26/09 - 11:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFL18	3-2	Geard, Russell, Howard
October				
03/10 - 11:00	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL18	1-1	Parker-Williams
10/10 - 11:00	Eastbourne Borough (A)	CU18C1	0-5	
17/10 - 11:00	Montpellier Villa (H)	SCFL18	2-4	
24/10 - 11:00	Upper Beeding (A)	SCFL18		

Under 18 Appearances 2021-22

	2021-22 Season							
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals				
Harry Bundy	7	0	7	0				
Sam Geard	7	0	7	4				
Beau Howard	7	0	7	1				
Archie Russell	7	0	7	2				
Alfie Beck	4	3	7	4				
Jamie Douglass	6	0	6	0				
Oliver Parker-Williams	4	2	6	5				
Louis Thwaites	2	3	5	0				
Joe Woodhouse	2	3	5	0				
Archie Hill	4	0	4	0				
Jack Morris	4	0	4	0				
Josh Trinick	3	1	4	0				
Max Beston	3	0	3	0				
Abir Chowdhury	3	0	3	1				
Jayden Dunkley	3	0	3	0				
Jake Palmer	3	0	3	0				
Daniel Llwellyn	2	1	3	0				
Robert Newman	0	3	3	0				
Harry Carter	2	0	2	0				
Muhammad Wilson	1	1	2	0				
Joe Holland	0	2	2	0				
Ismaila Housaniou Njai	1	0	1	0				
Daniel Lade	1	0	1	0				
Keegan Croydon-Elkins	0	1	1	0				
Owen Parker	0	1	1	0				

Veterans Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September 19/09 - 14:00	South Godstone (A)	MSFLV	7-1	P.Harding (2), Spies (2), Juniper (2), Butler
October 03/10 - 14:00	Charlwood (A)	MSFLV	7-2	Spies (3), Maynard, Bundy, Armstrong, Hibbert
November 07/11 - 14:00	Furnace Green Rovers (A)	MSFLV		
21/11 - 14:00 December	Ansty Sports & Social (H)	MSFLV		
05/12 - 14:00 January	Brockham (H)	MSFLV		
09/01 - 14:00 February	East Court (A)	MSFLV		
13/02 - 14:00	Burgess Hill Albion (H)	MSFLV		

Veterans Appearances 2021-22

		2021-22	2 Season	
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals
Paul Armstrong	2	0	2	1
Jonathan Bundy	2	0	2	0
Nick Newman	2	0	2	0
Steve Spies	2	0	2	5
Elliott Butler	1	0	1	1
Mitch Broadstock	1	0	1	0
Lee De La Rue Browne	1	0	1	0
Oliver Gosden	1	0	1	0
Joel Harding	1	0	1	0
Pat Harding	1	0	1	2
Anthony Hibbert	1	0	1	1
Anthony Humphries	1	0	1	0
David Juniper	1	0	1	2
Brendan Leahy	1	0	1	0
Chris Maynard	1	0	1	0
Robert Sayers	1	0	1	0
Adam Waller	1	0	1	0
Che Williams	1	0	1	0
Paull Gurr	0	1	1	0
Richard Thompson	0	1	1	0



Ladies Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
September				
12/09 - 14:00	Eastbourne United (H)	FAWCQ	0-4	
26/09 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (H)	SCWLP	1-1	J.Craig
October				
10/10 - 14:00	Pagham (H)	SCWLP	4-5	K.Chappell (2), Johanson, Mair
24/10 - 14:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCWLP		
31/10 - 14:00	Seaford Town (A)	SCWLP		
November				
14/11 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand. (H)	SCWLP		
21/11 - 14:00	Worthing Town (A)	SCWLP		
28/11 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCWLP		
December				
12/12 - 14:00	Montpelier Villa (A)	SCWLP		
19/12 - 14:00	Roffey (H)	SCWLP		
January				
09/01 - 14:00	Pagham (A)	SCWLP		
23/01 - 14:00	Saltdean United (A)	SCWLP		
30/01 - 14:00	Seaford Town (H)	SCWLP		
February				
06/02 - 14:00	Woodingdean Wand (A)	SCWLP		
13/02 - 14:00	Worthing Town (H)	SCWLP		
20/02 - 14:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCWLP		
March				
13/03 - 14:00	Roffey (A)	SCWLP		

Ladies Appearances 2021-22

	2021-22 Season						
Player	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals			
Sarah Chappell	3	0	3	0			
Emma Flin	3	0	3	0			
Jodie Johanson	3	0	3	1			
Kirstin Mair	3	0	3	1			
Sam Newman	3	0	3	0			
Mia Pordage	3	0	3	0			
Claire Stevens	3	0	3	0			
Katie Read	2	1	3	0			
Ellie Moquet	0	2	2	0			
Tallie Bright	2	0	2	0			
Joanne Brown	2	0	2	0			
Jess Craig	2	0	2	0			
Katherine Chappell	1	0	1	2			
Gemma Coote	1	0	1	0			
Jemma Kendall	1	0	1	0			
Zeba Ghorishi	0	1	1	0			
Liz King	0	1	1	0			
Holly Webb	0	1	1	0			
Alesha Simmons	0	1	1	0			



In-form Sussex County League side Hassocks met struggling Combined Counties outfit Chessington & Hook United on this day in 2013. The Robins fancied their FA Vase roller coaster to continue, but the hosts had other ideas...

Hassocks knocked off Vase carousel at Chessington

It's Halloween, Horror and Hocus Pocus Fortnight at Chessington World of Adventures at the moment. And across the A243 just a couple of hundred metres away from the theme park, Hassocks got into the spirit by delivering an horrific display that saw them eliminated from the FA robust Chessington centre half Vase by Chessington & Hook United.

United are near the foot of the Combined Counties League while the Robins are looking for a top three finish in the County League.

Yet Hassocks were second best for most of the afternoon, the result being a 3-0 win for the hosts that Professor Burp's Bubbleworks.

Manager Mickey Jewell said afterwards: "We weren't at the races today, too many players were well below par and in the end we got exactly what we deserved," a point reiterated by assistants Mark Dalgleish and Roy Staughton.

Even when Chessington were reduced to 10 men on the hour mark after combative midfielder Darren Smith was shown a straight red for an elbow on Chris Maynard, Hassocks could find no cutting edge, momentum or rhythm to unlock a resolute home defence.

The first half was especially forgettable. Both sides struggled to do much on a heavy surface covered in long grass, particularly Hassocks who are used to the pristine surface of the Beacon.

Jewell was without Nathan Miles and Phil Johnson who were side lined with knee and ankle complaints respectively and so he parachuted in Rob Osgood, dual-signed from Ryman League Crawley Down Gatwick.

Osgood struggled against a pairing although he did show some nice touches on the rare occasions he found himself with time and space.

It was from one such instance that he created one of Hassocks' best chances, playing a through ball to Jamie Hillwood which was cut out by home goalkeeper Matt Daniels.

Hillwood then managed to beat was more comfortable than a spin on Daniels but not geometry as his effort keeper or some bodies-on-the-line from an acute angle flashed wide of the post.

> At the other end, the lively Theo Woodhouse brought a fine save from Jack Simpson and Matt Ellis hit a cross-shot wide of the far post.

> The second half was a little bit more of a roller coaster. Chessington came out with renewed endeavour, no doubt buoyed by the fact that the wind and Chalky Lane slope were now in their favour.

> The warning signs were there when Russell West slotted wastefully wide when well placed but that reprieve was short lived as Woodhouse curled a free kick into Simpson's top corner after a niggly foul from Jamie Ingham.

On 59 minutes came the point that could have changed the game. Smith was booked for lunging in on

Maynard and as he walked away, then appeared to throw an elbow at the Hassocks left back leaving the referee no choice but to show red.

The Robins now had 30 minutes to turn the game around against 10 men.

It was a lifeline. Yet within 60 seconds they found themselves 2-0 behind when Daniel Harding was allowed a free header and although Simpson got a good part of it, the ball still trickled over the line.

Hassocks now had a mountain to climb and it wasn't until the final 10 minutes that they tested Daniels with Anthony Hibbert, Nathan Cooper and Phil Gault all being denied by the defendina.

Going so gung-ho left the Robins wide open on more than one occasion at the other end and Woodhouse, Harding and substitute Nathan Gilbert all missed good chances to put the game to bed.

Eventually though Chessington did get their third, Gilbert tapping home deep into stoppage time to ensure that Hassocks' ride on the FA Vase carousel is over for another season.

Hassocks: Simpson; South, Marsh, Pitcher, Maynard; Ingham, Hibbert, N Cooper, Hillwood; Osgood, Gault.

Subs: L Cooper (Maynard 60), Jacques (Ingham 65), Davess, Price, Harris (unused).

Around the League...



Hassocks picked up their second Premier Division win of the season on Saturday 9th October 2021 when beating AFC Varndeanians 4-1 - at the same time as all of this was happening around the Southern Combination League...

Tonight's visitors Crawley Down Gatwick became the latest victims of Premier Division leaders Littlehampton Town, the Golds running out 5-2 winners at McGuigan, Connor Robertson and St Flora Sportsfield.

Phil Johnson gave the Anvils the lead in a highly entertaining game in which Marc Pelling scored their second on the hour mark.

All the Littlehampton goals came in the second half, Joe Benn helping himself to a hat-trick alongside Dion Jarvis and George Gaskin.

The action did not just stop at goals either, Will Broomfield seeing red for Down and Jordan Layton doing likewise for the hosts.

Steyning Town racked up another big victory as they hammered Steyning Town 6-0 at the Shooting Field.

Trevor McCreadie scored a hattrick with the other Tigers goals coming from Tom Caplin, Reece Hallard and substitute Callum Saunders.

Lewis Hole got the only goal of the game for Little Common in a 1-0 win over Alfold and Pagham inflicted further misery on out-ofform Peacehaven & Telscombe when winning 2-0 at the Sports Park.

Jack Barnes and Conor Geoghegan were on target for the Lions.

Two goals from substitute Lucas Franzen-Jones in the final 10 minutes helped Newhaven continue their climb up the table as they won 3-0 at home against Lingfield.

Alfie Rogers had given the Dockers the lead midway through the first half in what turned out to be a comfortable success at Fort Road.

scorers in their 5-0 victory at struggling Loxwood.

Kyle Holden, Nathan Lopez, Lewis Jack Shonk all netted for the Pirates who continue to sail calmly in their first top flight season for 30 years.

Eastbourne United picked up another three points under new boss Antony Storey, winning 4-2 at Horsham YMCA.

Festos Kamara scored twice for United and Alfie Headland whilst YM played their part with an own goal.

Putting through the right net for the hosts was Tom Tolfrey, who claimed a double.

The other two games in the Premier Division finished level, Eastbourne Town and **Broadbridge Heath** sharing a 1-1 draw with Louis Veneti and Charlie Parmiter scoring for their respective sides. AFC Uckfield Town and East Preston meanwhile played out a 0-0 at the Oaks.

Two of the promotion favourites met in Division One and nothing could separate them, Roffey and Midhurst & Easebourne drawing 1 -1 at Bartholomew Wav.

Josh Sheehan gave Midhurst the lead with only four minutes played, a strike cancelled out by Josh Maher on the hour mark.

Clearly, 1-1s were in vogue as three other matches in Division One ended with that exact scoreline.

Shoreham must have thought they had done enough to come away from Godalming Town with all three points as Tom Shellev's 43rd minute opener had them leading right up until the 94th minute, when

Bexhill United had five different Connor Blanchard levelled for the hosts.

> Less than 60 seconds separated Nick Tilley's goal for **Billingshurst** and Matthew Burroughs equaliser for Forest Row as those two drew at Tinsley Lane.

> Both the goals came in the first half at the Beaconsfield where Hailsham Town and Arundel took a point each. Ollie Hawkins put the visiting Mullets 1-0 ahead on eight minutes, followed by an equaliser for the Stringers from Connor Townsend on 43.

> **Oakwood** were the division's big winners, hammering Storrington 5-0. Sam Cane, Marlon Fraser, Paul Johnston, Casey Mwaura and Mark Fiest got the Oaks goals.

Dorking Wanderers Reserves edged out Montpelier Villa 3-2 at Culver Road and Epsom & Ewell were 3-0 winners over Worthing United.

Conor Bull and David Crouch gave Arundel a 2-1 victory over Seaford **Town** for whom Simon Piper scored and Selsey came from behind to defeat Mile Oak by the same scoreline at the High Street Ground.

Division Two leaders **Rustington** were easy 4-0 victors at St Francis Rangers as the bottom tier featured a glut of goals.

Copthorne beat Brighton Electricity 8-0 and Charlwood hammered Worthing Town 9-2 in two other high scoring contests.

Upper Beeding won 4-1 at Littlehampton United, Jarvis Brook beat improving Ferring 2-0 and Rottingdean Village had a 3-1 success at **Bosham.**



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Littlehampton Town

Crawley Down Eastbourne United

Saltdean United

Little Common

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Pagham	14	11	0	3	25	13	33
Saltdean United	13	10	1	2	39	10	31
Newhaven	13	8	4	1	32	12	28
Bexhill United	14	8	3	3	37	19	27
Little Common	13	7	4	2	29	13	25
Crawley Down	13	7	2	4	38	18	23
Alfold	14	7	1	6	20	17	22
Broadbridge Heath	12	6	3	3	22	11	21
Eastbourne United	14	6	1	7	26	22	19
Eastbourne Town	13	5	4	4	22	20	19
Lingfield	14	5	2	7	29	30	17
Horsham YMCA	14	4	3	7	18	39	15
Steyning Town	14	4	3	7	16	38	15
AFC Uckfield Town	14	3	5	6	14	19	14
Peacehaven & Tels	12	4	1	7	12	20	13
Hassocks	14	2	3	9	17	38	9
Loxwood	13	2	2	9	9	32	8
East Preston	13	0	3	10	9	38	3
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Joe Benn	Littlehampton	26
Phil Johnson	Crawley Down	18
Evan Archibald	Bexhill United	14
Jack Langford	Pagham	14
Jack Shonk	Bexhill United	14
Trevor McCreadie	Saltdean United	13
Charlie Pitcher	Crawley Down	13
Lee Robinson	Newhaven	12
George Gaskin Joe Clarke	Littlehampton	11 9
Lewis Hole	Pagham Little Common	9 8
Festos Kamara	Eastbourne Utd	8 8
Alfie Rogers	Newhaven	8
Sam Clements	Lingfield	7
Dave Herbert	Littlehampton	7
Tom Howard-Bold	Steyning Town	7
Alfie Loversidge	Hassocks	7
Charlie Parmiter	B'bridge Heath	7
Lucas Franzen-Jones	Newhaven	6
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	6

Premier Divis	sion Attend	lances	
	Ave	High	Low
Eastbourne Town	224	275	186
Peacehaven & Telscombe	202	278	133
Littlehampton Town	155	220	112
Newhaven	132	152	101
Saltdean United	123	223	49
Bexhill United	113	186	64
Broadbridge Heath	113	172	63
Hassocks	113	210	50
Pagham	105	187	76
Eastbourne United	101	147	68
Steyning Town	92	130	64
Little Common	84	114	64
East Preston	82	108	62
Alfold	71	109	35
AFC Uckfield Town	70	116	39
Horsham YMCA	70	94	41
Crawley Down Gatwick	65	86	32
Loxwood	64	83	38
AFC Varndeanians	60	122	37
Lingfield	56	81	41

Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table							Under 23 North	Division Top Sco	rers	
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Player	Club	Gls
Broadbridge Heath	6	5	1	0	26	7	16	Tyler Symonds	B'bridge Heath	14
Hassocks	6	5	1	0	13	2	16	Jay Hudson	Hassocks	5
Alfold	6	3	0	3	9	12	9	Kyle Anson	Crowborough	4
Roffey	6	2	1	3	6	7	7	Alfie Barnes	Horsham YMCA	4
Oakwood	6	2	1	3	7	9	7	Dave Crouch	Crowborough	3
Horsham YMCA	5	1	2	2	7	16	5	Derrick Kabagozza	B'bridge Heath	3
Crowborough Athletic	5	1	1	3	9	13	4	Joe Simpkin	Steyning Town	3
Steyning Town	5	1	1	3	5	10	4	Spencer Slaughter	Hassocks	3
St Francis Rangers	5	1	0	4	6	12	3	Ebenezer Amissah	Oakwood	2

Southern Combinati	on Un	ider 1	8 Cer	ntral	Divisi	on Ta	ble
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Steyning Town	6	4	0	2	28	9	12
Hassocks	6	3	2	1	14	13	11
Shoreham & Adur	6	3	2	1	16	8	11
Montpelier Villa	4	3	1	0	18	5	10
Worthing United	4	3	0	1	10	7	9
Burgess Hill Town	6	2	2	2	16	16	8
St Francis Rangers	6	2	1	3	10	17	7
AFC Varndeanians	6	1	0	5	9	21	3
Upper Beeding	6	0	0	6	4	29	0

Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers							
Player	Club	Gls					
Charlie Maywood	Montpelier Villa	8					
Jack Smart	Montpelier Villa	6					
D'abadie Baptiste	Steyning Town	5					
Taylor Harding	Shoreham	5					
Alex Brett	Steyning Town	4					
James Lyon-Monk	St Francis	4					
Aaron Ancell	Burgess Hill	3					
Gabriel Brennan	Steyning	3					
Sam Geard	Hassocks	3					

Sussex County Women's League Premier Division								Top Scorers			
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Player	Club	Gls	
Montpelier Villa	4	3	1	0	31	4	10	Nicole White	Montpelier Villa	5	
Roffey	3	3	0	0	15	4	9	Remi Crawley	Pagham	4	
Saltdean United	4	3	0	1	15	4	9	Georgia Egner	Montpelier Villa	4	
Seaford Town	2	2	0	0	6	0	6	Libby Pickard	Saltdean United	4	
Pagham	3	2	0	1	13	9	6	Saskia Taylor-Doyle	Montpelier Villa	4	
Hassocks	2	0	1	1	5	6	1	Lou Tindall	Montpelier Villa	4	
Woodingdean Wand	3	0	0	3	2	12	0	Brooke N-Rogan	Saltdean United	3	
Worthing Town	4	0	0	4	2	21	0	Katherine Davyson	Montpelier Villa	2	
Eastbourne Town	3	0	0	3	1	30	0	Dulcie Elder	Worthing Town	2	

Mid Sussex Veterans League Fred Pretty Plate							
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Hassocks	2	2	0	0	14	3	6
Furnace Green	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Ansty Sports & Social	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Ardingly	2	1	0	1	8	7	3
Brockham	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Charlwood	2	1	0	1	8	10	3
South Park	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
East Court	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Burgess Hill Albion	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
South Godstone	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

Top Scorers						
Player	Club	Gls				
Steve Spies	Hassocks	5				
David Neathey	Furnace Green	4				
Mark Southam	Charlwood	4				
Pat Harding	Hassocks	2				
David Juniper	Hassocks	2				
Jamie Liddell	Charlwood	2				
Paul Armstrong	Hassocks	1				
Lee Ashton	Furnace Green	1				
Owen Barry	South Godstone	1				
Daniel Brown	Ansty	1				



Once tonight is out of the way and we return to Premier Division duty, two of the next three matches are against sides currently below us in the table - the start of a crucial, potentially season-defining run of fixtures in the lead up to Christmas...



Loxwood

When? Saturday 23rd October

> Where? Plaistow Road

> > **Time?** 3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Loxwood this season?

A quick glance at the Premier Division table will tell you what an important game this is. The Magpies are one of only four sides below us, having won two, drawn two and lost nine of their games so far. It might be too early in the season for six pointers, but the trip to the Sussex/Surrey border looks massive in terms of what it could do for morale and belief, if not actual league position.

Our record against Loxwood?

The sides first clashed in the 2014-15 season, since when there have been 12 meetings. Hassocks have only ever beaten the Magpies twice, a 4-0 win at Plaistow Road in September 2018 and a 6-2 success at the Beacon a year later. The last four games have been hugely entertaining with 22 goals flying in.

Last time we met?

One of the worst afternoons in recent memory for Hassocks supporters. Two clubs deep in relegation trouble met at Plaistow Road in February

2020, where Loxwood ran out 3-0 winners to record their first victory of the season at the 22nd attempt. All the goals came in the first 25 minutes from Mark Goldson, a certain Charlie Pitcher and Tim Bennett.

How to get to Plaistow Road?

Follow the A272 to and through Billingshurst, crossing the roundabout with the A29 before joining the B2133 shortly after. Pass through Newpound and Roundstreet Common, approaching a fork in the road with Skiff Lane. Plaistow Road is just on the left after that with the ground on your left a very short distance down it.

Any familiar faces?

Only the small matter of Spencer Slaughter - now back home where he belongs - coming up against the club he managed for the past 18 months. James Westlake and Josh Hawkes have also followed Slaughter back to the Beacon in recent weeks, adding even more intrigue to the game.

COMING UP...



Pagham

When? Saturday 30th October

Where?

The Beacon

Time? 3:00pm

Competition?

Southern Combination League Premier Division

Admission?

£6 adults, £3 concessions, Under 16s go free

Pagham this season?

Pagham traditionally start strongly but then tend to tail off as the season progresses. Will this year be different? They have certainly had to overcome more dramas than they are used to in the opening weeks of the season, having seen manager and club legend Kerry Hardwell resign two matches in the campaign. For the Lions to have 11 wins from 14 matches despite the upheaval that Hardwell's departure will have caused tells you that their visit to the Beacon will be another tough afternoon.

Our record against Pagham?

Games with Pagham aren't clashes that we have tended to enjoy through the years. The Lions lead the head-to-head by some way, having won 27 games to the our 19 with nine draws. Hassocks' league form against Pagham in recent years is particularly dire. Since 2014, we've picked up a grand total of 10 points from a possible 39, making them very much a bogey club for us.

Last time we met?

It was a rare success against the Lions last September at the Beacon. Charlie Pitcher was at his unplayable best, scoring twice against a Pagham outfit who arrived in Mid Sussex unbeaten. Pitcher opened the scoring in the first half and added a second with six minutes remaining. Jamie Carroll pulled one back two minutes later for the visitors, but we just about held on for a gritty three points only three days after being hammered 6-2 at Eastbourne Town.

Pagham' danger men?

The Lions have both Jack Langford an Joe Clarke in the Premier Division's top scorer charts. Langford is back at Nyetimber Lane for a second spell this season, having played for what feels like every club in the Southern Combination League bar us. He has scored against the Robins for the Lions, Peacehaven, Eastbourne Town, Saltdean United and Newhaven.



East Preston

When? Saturday 6th November

> Where? The Lashmar

> > **Time?** 3:00pm

Competition? Southern Combination League Premier Division

East Preston this season?

East Preston spent the entirety of the curtailed 2021-22 season in the bottom three of the Premier Division and they have not enjoyed much of an improvement this time around, firmly rooted in a relegation battle. 13 games are yet to yield a single victory with their record reading three draws, 10 defeats and only nine goals scored. Just like the Loxwood game a fortnight earlier, this is another big one for the Robins.

Our record against East Preston?

There have been 45 meetings between the two sides making EP one of our most frequent opponents. We have won 16, there have been 10 draws and EP have tasted success on the remaining 19 occasions. EP are normally good for a goal or two in the fixture as well, having scored 82 times against the Robins, the majority of those coming during their domination of the league between 2013 and 2014.

Last time we met?

A crazy, crazy evening at the Lashmar last October. We sauntered into a 4-0 half time lead through Harvey Enticknap, Charlie Pitcher and a double from George Brown. That really should have been that, but an incredible EP comeback meant we ended up hanging on for a 4-3 victory, only preserved at the death by a stunning, perfectly timed slide tackle from Dan Turner. Connor Bull scored twice for the hosts along with a Jack Gardner on goal.

How to get to the Lashmar?

Take the A259 through Worthing heading through Littlehampton. After going through Worthing and passing Roundstone Farm on your right, take the first exit at the roundabout onto Old Worthing Road. Cross the railway line, taking a left after it followed by the next right onto Roundstone Drive and the ground is at the end of the road on the left.



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TOTAL £280

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Here are our winners so far this season...

Hassocks Man of the Match 2021-22

Saltdean United away Alfie Loversidge Spelthorne Sports home Alfie Loversidge Eastbourne Town home Josh Short AFC Uckfield Town home Charlie Pugh Broadbridge Heath home Lewis Beebee Peacehaven & Telscombe away Connor Bradley Steyning Town home Alfie Loversidge Lingfield home Joe Bull Newhaven home Swindon Fan on his Stag Do Roffey home Max Blencowe Little Common home Andy Whittingham Littlehampton Town away Jack Gardner Beckenham Town home Joe Bull Bexhill United away Alexis Harris AFC Varndeanians home Alfie Loversidge Eastbourne United home Charlie Pugh Horsham YMCA home Charlie Pugh Crawlev Down Gatwick home Loxwood away Pagham home East Preston away Alfold home Broadbridge Heath away Peacehaven & Telscombe home AFC Uckfield Town away Eastbourne Town away Saltdean United home Crawley Down Gatwick away Lingfield home Little Common away Eastbourne United away **Bexhill United home** AFC Varndeanians away Horsham YMCA away Loxwood home East Preston home Pagham away Newhaven away Littlehampton Town home Steyning Town away Crawley Down Gatwick home Alfold away

Hassocks Player of the Month 2021-22

August 2021 1st Connor Bradley 2nd Alfie Loversidge 3rd Josh Short September 2021 1st 2nd 3rd October 2021 1st 2nd 3rd November 2021 1st 2nd 3rd December 2021 1st 2nd 3rd January 2021 1st 2nd 3rd February 2021 1st 2nd 3rd March 2021 1st 2nd 3rd April 2021 1st 2nd 3rd

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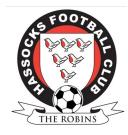
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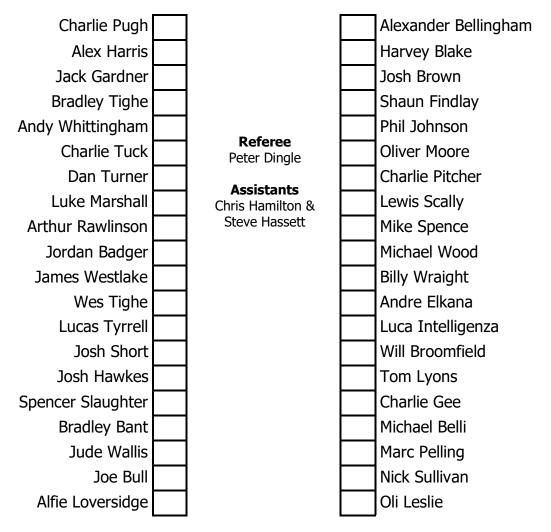
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Next at the Beacon



Pagham Saturday 30th October. 3:00pm SCFL Premier Division Manager James Day Assistant Dean Blackmore Coach Karl Scott Coach William Peauroux Physio Lewis Cosstick

Today's Premier Division games

Eastbourne Town v Saltdean United Littlehampton Town v Broadbridge Heath Loxwood v Newhaven